In Park Cities, Richardson

Du Berrier will give talk

Author, world traveler, and international correspondent, Hilaire Du Berrier, will speak on "Vietnam: Will the Communists Win?" at the Park Cities YMCA, 6000 Preston Rd., in Dallas, on Thursday at 8 p.m., and in Richardson at the Greenville Ave. Auditorium, 400 S. Greenville, on Friday at 8 p.m.

The program is part of a month-long tour of Texas and Arkansas. The local sponsors are the Dallas, Garland and Richardson TRAIN Committees. The public is invited to attend.

A native-born American and U.S. citizen, Hilaire Du Berrier knows personally most of the past and present rulers in Southeast Asia, and for more than 30 years has been reporting on affairs in the Orient. His wide and varied background, and his "on-the-spot" interviews in Vietnam, have led him to conclude that "The Viet Cong could never defeat us on the battlefield. But they might conquer a nation — at the conference table."

Hilaire du Berrier has served as Newsweek's correspondent in Shanghai and was a Far East specialist for the American OSS. But his extensive knowledge is not merely based on journalistic observation. Prior to World War II, he piloted a courier plane between Handow and Nanking, and operated underground radio stations for Free China, for which he was given a citation.

On the morning of Pearl Harbor, du Berrier immediately joined a French resistance group that was responsible for saving the lives of many downed American flyers.

A year later, Hilaire du Berrier was arrested for espionage by the Japanese and spent three years in a prison camp. He still bears the marks of the tortures he underwent while the Japanese tried unsuccessfully to force him to name his confederates.

After VJ Day in 1945, and because of his great familiarity with Asian affairs, particularly Vietnam, du Berrier was asked to serve as Far East specialist for the Office of Strategic Services.

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